

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY STATUS REPORT # 16

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

SITUATION OVERVIEW:

Update on SBA Disaster Loan Program. In addition to the 19 declared counties under Federal Disaster 1527-DR-MI that are eligible for SBA Home Disaster Loans, Business Physical Disaster Loans, and Business Economic Injury Disaster Loans (the counties of Barry, Berrien, Cass, Genesee, Gladwin, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Mecosta, Oakland, Ottawa, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, St. Joseph, and Wayne), the following **contiguous Michigan counties** are also eligible for **Business Economic Injury Disaster Loans only:** (Allegan, Arenac, Bay, Branch, Calhoun, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Lake, Lapeer, Lenawee, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon, Saginaw, Tuscola, Van Buren, and Washtenaw.)

The filing deadline for applications for Physical Damage to homes, personal property, and businesses is **August 30, 2004**. The filing deadline for applications for Economic Injury is **March 30, 2005**.

The toll-free information line for the SBA is **1-800-359-2227**. The SBA declaration numbers for this disaster are Michigan #3595 and #9ZK400.

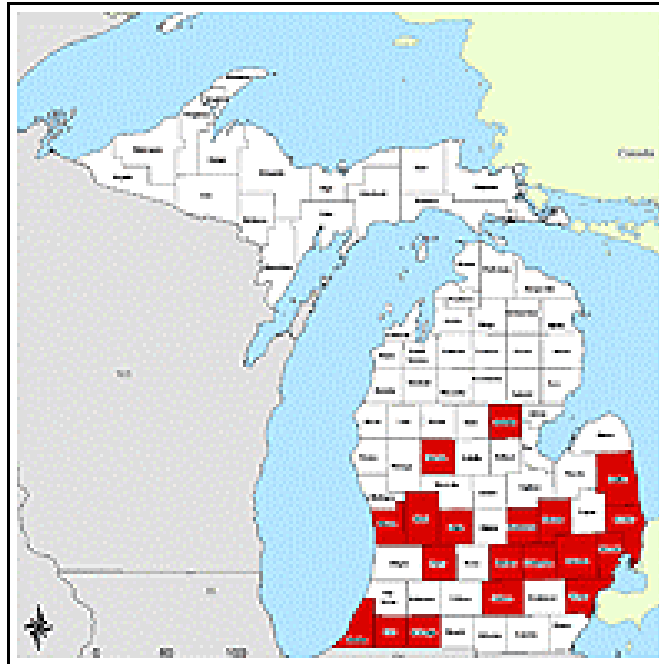
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THIS DISASTER:

Cause of Disaster. Federal Disaster 1527-DR-MI was caused by a series of rain-laden thunderstorms that moved in procession across southern and central Lower Michigan during the period from May 20-24, 2004, which resulted in severe urban and riverine flooding in many areas, but particularly so in southeast Michigan and along the Grand River and its tributaries in central and western Michigan. The severe flooding continued until June 8, when the last remaining flood warning was cancelled by the National Weather Service. The strong storms also caused severe wind damage in several southern Lower Michigan counties. At the height of this disaster, a total of 573,000 American Electrical Power, Consumers Energy, and DTE Energy electrical customers (roughly 6 percent of the State's population) experienced power outages due to wind damage to power lines and other electrical infrastructure. All totaled, nearly 5,000 homes and businesses incurred in excess of \$32 million in damage from the flooding and storms. One hundred sixty seven (167) homes and one business incurred major damage. Public damage was also significant in many areas, totaling nearly \$7.4 million statewide. However, in the counties of Arenac, Berrien, Barry, Cass, Gladwin, St. Clair and St. Joseph, public damage losses were particularly high.

State Response Actions. In response to the storms, Governor Jennifer Granholm ordered the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) partially activated on May 21, 2004 to monitor the situation and collect / compile damage and impact assessment information. On May 25, Governor Granholm and Lt. Governor Cherry toured affected areas in Ionia County and Macomb County to review the damage firsthand. On June 3, Governor Granholm declared a State of Disaster, pursuant to 390 PA 1976, as amended, for the following 23 affected Michigan counties: Arenac; Barry; Berrien; Cass; Genesee; Gladwin; Ingham; Ionia; Jackson; Kent; Livingston; Macomb; Mecosta; Newaygo; Oakland; Ottawa; Saginaw; St. Clair; St. Joseph; Sanilac; Shiawassee; Van Buren; and Wayne. State agencies were directed to provide

whatever assistance they could to the 23 affected counties in responding to and recovering from the flooding and storm damage. On June 18, Governor Granholm formally requested disaster relief assistance under the federal Stafford Act. Governor Granholm's request was granted on June 30 with the President's Major Disaster Declaration 1527-DR-MI.

Map of Declared Area: 1527-DR-MI



UNLESS THE DISASTER CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY, THIS WILL BE THE FINAL STATUS REPORT FOR THIS INCIDENT.